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Letter dated 28 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 24 November 1993, from my President to Your Excellency (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 24 November 1993 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to thank you for your letter, dated 18 November 1993, which I received with a delay.

I am taking the liberty of pointing out some facts, casting more light on problems relating to Bosnia and Herzegovina, which might bring about changes in some of the positions stated in your letter.

I do not have any doubts that the international community and the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference have devoted substantial efforts to have peace restored, but obviously all these efforts have failed. The reason for this failure lies partly in the fact that some grounds for negotiations have not been valid. Namely, the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina is not a conflict of three sides, as stated in your letter. It is an open and brutal aggression against an independent State, which is a Member State of the United Nations. A direct consequence of the aggression has been the establishment of phantom para-states in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was followed by a legitimacy given by the international community, taking them as the sides to the conflict. It is not possible to conduct a peace process successfully having such hypotheses as its grounds.

It could also be concluded from your letter that further humanitarian aid of the international community depends on the creation of conditions for a renewed conference on peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We consider such a position unacceptable, because humanitarian aid must not be conditioned by reasons of a political nature.

It is only a just peace that has a future. I would like to inform you that we are in favour of such a peace. It can be reached only by honouring relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and the principles of the London Conference.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ